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Twice As Much Space...Amazing New Experiences New Science Museum Opens December 11

The Science Museum of Minnesota will open the doors to its new building on December 11. The new building features twice as much space, three new exhibits, acres of outdoor parks and the first convertible dome omnitheater in the United States.

The Science Museum closed the doors at its old home on September 6, 1999, and has since been moving all of its exhibits and collections to the new location at 120 West Kellogg Boulevard. In the new museum, visitors can enjoy:



Human Body Gallery, a new gallery that features hands-on activities. Visitors can become a scientist at the Cell Lab or feel the pulse and examine the pumping mechanism of the Bloodstream Superhighway, an area of the exhibit encircled by a 100-foot long tube filled with flowing blood-like fluid.

Dinosaurs and Fossils Gallery, which covers 10,000 square feet

Mississippi River Gallery, a new gallery with an authentic climb-aboard towboat

William L. McKnight-3M Omnitheater, which features the first convertible dome IMAX theater in the United States. The first Omnifilm will be Migrations.

Ten acres of new outdoors parks and twice as big temporary exhibits gallery

3D Multimedia Laser Show, where visitors will wear special 3D glasses and be transported to a world filled with vivid graphics and three dimensional animation. The Science Museum of Minnesota will be only the fifth major science museum in the nation and the first in the upper Midwest to introduce this programming for visitors.

New Collections Exhibit showcasing museum treasures and new homes for old favorites like the Experiment Gallery, musical stairs and mummy.

The new museum also features additional parking and unrivaled Mississippi River views.

Take a virtual tour of the new Science Museum by visiting www.smm.org For additional information, contact the Science Museum at 651-221-9444.

Saint Paul
Celebrating 150 Years

Recognizing and Preventing Migraines

More than 18 million people in the United States suffer from migraine headaches. A migraine headache is different and more painful than a tension headache, and can last from four to 72 hours. Some or all of the following symptoms may accompany the pain:

- ☐ blurred vision
- ☐ flashing lights
- ☐ nausea and vomiting
- ☐ tingling numbness in your arms or legs
- ☐ sensitivity to light, sound or odors

Prevent migraines by identifying and avoiding the triggers that cause them

Migraine sufferers can often find relief with prescribed medication, but it's possible to prevent migraines by identifying and avoiding triggers that can cause them:

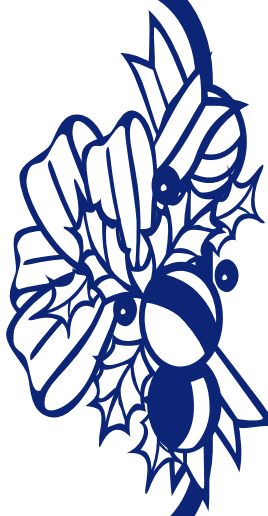
- ☐ certain foods such as aged cheese, chocolate, nuts, or pizza
- ☐ fermented, pickled or marinated foods
- ☐ meats preserved in nitrates
- ☐ foods prepared with mono-sodium glutamate (MSG)
- ☐ caffeine
- ☐ alcohol, especially red wine and beer
- ☐ too little sleep
- ☐ stress and emotional upset
- ☐ excessive heat or glare
- ☐ skipping meals
- ☐ certain kinds of physical activity
- ☐ some drugs, such as birth control pills and high blood pressure medication.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Winter Lights Tour

Jingle through Saint Paul on a two-hour tour guided by Mrs. Claus, Holly Berry, The Elf or Rudolph the Party Animal. Visit some of the most exciting home light displays in the Capital City, and also the magnificent parks and overlooks.

The tour begins at 7 p.m. every Friday through Sunday from December 10 - 26. Tickets are \$18 and reservations are recommended. For tickets and reservations, call 651-292-1220.



Safe & Sober

Saint Paul Police Participate in National Driving Campaign

The Saint Paul Police Department is participating in the annual, nationally-sponsored Safe & Sober Campaign.

The campaign is designed to reduce:

- the number of automobile crashes,
- the number of people exceeding the speed limit; and
- and the number of violations of other traffic regulations.

Specific attention will be directed to the apprehension of drivers who are consuming alcohol or are otherwise impaired.

"This effort is in addition to our normal high level of activity relating to traffic safety," said Lt. John DeNoma, head of the Traffic and Accident Unit. "We expect this special emphasis will serve as a reminder to the public, and hope it will result in the reduction of traffic violations and crashes."

Saint Paul police officers recently provided an increased presence throughout the city to focus on the enforcement of posted speed limits and other laws relating to automobile and pedestrian traffic safety.

Additional enhanced enforcement periods will be conducted during the remainder of the year, particularly during the Christmas and New Year's Eve holiday period.

The Safe & Sober Campaign is sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. More than 275 law enforcement agencies throughout Minnesota will participate in this year's effort.





City Releases Y2K Provider Plans

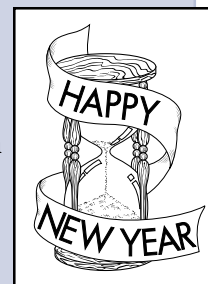
This New Year's Eve could be one of the biggest celebrations of the millennium. The City of Saint Paul and other entities are ready to provide service just like they do on any given day. The following is a brief overview of provider plans for Dec. 31, 1999:

- Fire** Will fully staff all apparatus and operate in a multiple alarm mode.
- Police** Will be fully staffed and deployed throughout the city in such a way as to maximize coverage, reduce response times and be prepared to respond to any emergency.
- 911** 911 will operate in a normal mode.
- Medical** The Minnesota Hospital and Healthcare Partnership states that all devices/equipment/vehicles are certified as Y2K compliant. Medical staff at these facilities will operate as they normally would on a holiday evening.
- Utilities** NSP has stated that "the risk (of losing power) is no greater on Dec. 31, 1999 - Jan. 1, 2000, than it is on any other winter day."
US West has stated that "the sun will rise and the phones will ring."
District Energy has said it is Y2K ready.
- Water** The Saint Paul Water Utility Department is Y2K ready and can support a three-day uninterrupted supply of drinkable water manually with additional storage capacity on hand if demand conservation efforts were put in place.
- Sewage** The Metropolitan Council has purchased generators for lift stations to insure operability of the sanitary waste system.
- Public Works** All agencies under the Public Works Department have contingency plans to provide uninterrupted service.
- Traffic** Traffic lights are Y2K ready and traffic control officers will be scheduled for a normal holiday evening mode.
- Transit** The Metropolitan Council states that public bus transportation has been deemed to be Y2K compliant and that normal holiday service should be expected.

Event Spotlight

Capital New Year

Capital New Year is one day early this year. On December 30, 1999, downtown Saint Paul will host one of the area's largest millennium celebrations.



The Details:

Date: Thursday, Dec. 30, 1999

Time: 4 p.m. to midnight

Place: 25 indoor stages in the Rice Park Area of Downtown Saint Paul.

Dress: Casual. Coat check is available at all major venues.

Venues: There will be 25 indoor stages featuring more than 100 performances. Focal points will be the new Science Museum, RiverCentre and Landmark Center

Tickets: A Firstar Capital New Year button is all you'll need to get in the door. Festival buttons are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. Children 5 and under are free. Purchase buttons in advance at all metro area Firstar Banks, Science Museum of Minnesota, Children's Museum, or the Ordway Music Theatre.

**Ring in the New Year
in Downtown Saint Paul!**

December 3 Trivia Question

Q: On May 27, 1900, Saint Paul received a 40-acre gift from Dr. Justus Ohage, former public health chief, whose last will stipulated that the land be "forever held and used for the purposes of public bathing and recreation." Where is this 40-acre gift located?

November 19 Trivia Question & Answer

Q: In what year did Saint Paul's streetcars give way to buses?

A: 1954

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City Update Needs Your Help!

If you have a story idea for City Update or know an employee who deserves special recognition, please contact Jodi Ellwood at 266-8528 or jodi.ellwood@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

Job Openings as of December 3, 1999

Application Deadline	Job Title	Bi-Weekly or Hourly Salary Rate	Exam Date
12/06/99	Accounting Clerk I - Board of Education	\$954.22	12/09/99
12/14/99	Architect I - Board of Education	\$1503.97	12/17/99
12/22/99	Building Inspector	\$17.90 per hr	01/07/00
12/06/99	Clerk III - Board of Education	\$974.53	TBN
Open	Clerk-Typist II - Spanish/Bilingual Speaking	\$23,758.00 (ANNUAL)	TBN
Open	Communications Technician	\$1359.09	Quals
Open	Communications Technician Trainee	\$1111.53	Quals
Open	Conservatory Attendant	\$8.82 per hr	Quals
12/06/99	Custodian Engineer 5 - Board of Education	\$18.76 per hr	12/15/99
Open	Engineering Aide II	\$1084.28	TBN
Open	**Food Service Assistant (part-time)	\$8.43 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Food Service Helper (part-time)	\$7.75 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst II	\$1326.60	Quals
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst III	\$1470.98	Quals
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst IV	\$1674.26	Quals
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist II	\$1089.46	Quals
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist III	\$1326.60	Quals
Open	Library Clerk (part-time)	\$9.23 per hr	Quals
12/15/99	License and Permit Inspector	\$1289.66	12/23/99
12/08/99	Sergeant	\$1709.96	01/11/00
12/23/99	Ski Instructor (seasonal/part-time)	\$7.00 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Telecommunicator	\$1242.48	Quals
Open	Ticket Sellers - River Centre (part-time)	\$5.50 per hr (in training)	TBN

****This is a walk-in examination. Do not submit a job application before the test.** Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources at 400 City Hall Annex to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Phone: (651) 266-6500 (TTY/TDD 651-266-6501). For jobs announced after November 23, please call the 24-hour job line, (651) 266-6502.